

CAPSULE SUMMARY

Neff House

HA-2190

628 Stafford Road

Lapidum vicinity, MD

(closest crossroads- Level)

c. 1880-1900

Public- within Susquehanna State Park

The Neff House, historically known as the Rinehart House, is located about one mile south of the 18th century, publicly accessible historic industrial museum complex of Rock Run and about one third mile north of the now abandoned historic industrial complex of Lapidum along the west shore of the Susquehanna River. The property is approximately seven miles east of Level, and east of Darlington Road (MD Rte 161), accessible from Rock Run Road. Approaching the site, descending in elevation through the picturesque, wooded landscape to the flood plain along the Susquehanna River, one passes through property that is within the Susquehanna State Park and Lower Deer Creek Valley Historic District. The site has been unoccupied since 2001, and is crowded between a steep cliff, Stafford Road, the Susquehanna & Tidewater Canal, railroad and river.

The two story, rectangular, frame, gable roofed, three bay house, built c. 1880-1900, is architecturally simple and straightforward. There are two, one story, shed roofed additions and a concrete floored porch to the rear (west) of the gable roofed section, which were added in the early 20th century. The exterior of the entire building is wood horizontal wood siding covered by asphalt shingles that simulate brick. A one story porch with concrete floor extends across the front (east) façade. Located on its original fieldstone foundation, and with setting, workmanship and feeling preserved, the house does have intact windows, doors, interior woodwork and today largely represents an early 20th century, architecturally simple, river related house. However, the house has greatly deteriorated due to failing roofs, vegetation clogged gutters, encroaching tree and shrub growth, lack of drainage and a crowded site that encourages water infiltration along the rear foundation wall.

There is one outbuilding that is associated with the Neff House. This is a gable roofed, one car garage of the early- mid 20th century, located approximately 10' north of the house. On the exterior walls are vertical wood siding covered with asphalt sheets, which are loose and torn. There is an asphalt shingled roof, concrete foundation, and on the north façade are wooden hinged doors for car access.

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DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐ no ☐

Property Name: Neff or Rinehart House Inventory Number: HA-2190
Address: 628 Stafford Road Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: Lapidum/ Rock Run vicinity Zip Code: ~~21084~~ 21078 County: Harford
USGS Quadrangle(s): Aberdeen
Property Owner: State of MD's Department of Natural Resources Tax Account ID Number: 062054
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 122 Tax Map Number: 37
Project: DNR Documentation for Razings Agency: Department of Natural Resources
Agency Prepared By: Historic Preservation Consultant
Preparer's Name: Catherine Masek Date Prepared: 12/7/2008
Documentation is presented in: MIHP form for Neff House by Catherine Adams Masek, 2008, and MIHP form for Susquehanna State Park, #HA-2036 by Goodwin & Assoc., 2002 and MIHP form for Lower Deer Creek Valley Historic District, HA-1551, by Christopher Weeks, 1992.
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Neff (preferred) or Rinehart (Historic) House does not appear to meet the standards for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Criterion A:

There is no evidence of this site being associated with an important trend or event in history, as required by Criterion A. The .45 acre property is associated with the mid 19th century "rebirth" of the 18th century small industrial center of Lapidum, along the west shore of the Susquehanna River. Historically, this building is associated with the commerce of the river trade when the Susquehanna & Tidewater Canal and railroad were thriving and immediately adjacent to the property in the mid and late 19th century. However, there is no outstanding event, product or history known about the Heath/ Rinehart trading business, nor how (if at all) this building was used by that business. The building has experienced significant deterioration, accelerated by water infiltration and vacancy since 2001.

Criterion B:

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Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

MHT Comments: Representative example of a common type.
Contributes to Lower Deer Creek Valley NR Historic District.

Jonathan Sages
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

1/28/09
Date

B. Kuntz
Reviewer, National Register Program

1/15/09
Date

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There are no known persons of significance associated with this site, as required by Criterion B. Neither the Rineharts, Spencers, Hunters nor the Neffs are known at this time to have made significant impact upon the community or region. Certainly additions and alterations to the house have been made by these owners over time, but their impact upon the local and regional history is neither unique nor outstanding.

Criterion C:

The Neff House is located on its original foundation, in original location and with setting, workmanship and feeling preserved. The house does have intact windows, doors, interior woodwork and today largely represents an early 20th century river related house that has been used part time. However, the house has greatly deteriorated due to failing roofs, vegetation clogged gutters, encroaching tree and shrub growth, lack of drainage and crowded siting that encourages water infiltration along the rear foundation wall. While intact, this small, architecturally simple house is unstable and in a state of collapse.

In conclusion, there is insufficient evidence to consider the Neff House eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ___A___B___C___D Considerations: ___A___B___C___D___E___F___G

MHT Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services_____
Date_____
Reviewer, National Register Program_____
Date

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1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Rinehart House

other Neff House (preferred)

2. Location

street and number 628 Stafford Road

not for publication

city, town Lapidum vicinity

☒ vicinity

county Harford

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name State of Maryland's Department of Natural Resources

street and number 580 Taylor Avenue, Tawes State Office Bldg. D-3

telephone 410-260-8932

city, town Annapolis

state MD

zip code 21401

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Circuit Land Records liber 1318 folio 105

city, town Bel Air

tax map 37

tax parcel 122

tax ID number 062054

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
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		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
1 (within Susquehanna SP MIHP form)

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Summary:

The Neff House (Rinehart House) is located in Harford County, on Stafford Road, approximately one mile south of Rock Run Grist Mill and one third mile north of the now abandoned riverfront village of Lapidum along the Susquehanna River. Historically, this area would have been bustling with activity associated with the contiguous industrial complexes of Lapidum, Rock Run and Stafford, and the related shipping and canal traffic, but today the one lane paved Stafford Road is deserted, except for traffic related to the Susquehanna State Park. By descending in elevation along Rock Run Road from Darlington Road (MD Rte 161), to the level of the Susquehanna River, one passes thru a picturesque sylvan landscape. On the narrow flood plain on the west side of the river are numerous standing historic resources, contained within the MIHP # HA-1551, Lower Deer Creek Valley Historic District. The Neff property is located within the boundaries of the Susquehanna State Park and Lower Deer Creek Valley Historic District, facing east towards the road, the Susquehanna & Tidewater Canal, the railroad and the river. MIHP # HA-381, Spencer-Pugh House, is immediately adjacent, to the south of the house. The two story modest frame three bay Neff house and one car garage are crowded on a small parcel between the river and the steeply inclined hillside west of it.

The two story, rectangular, frame, gable roofed, three bay house, built c. 1880-1900, sits on a fieldstone foundation. There are two one story additions and a concrete floored porch to the rear (west), which are crowded against the steeply inclined hillside. On the exterior of the entire building is wood horizontal siding covered by asphalt shingle that simulates brick. A one story porch with concrete floor extends across the front (east) façade. Vegetation encroaches on the building on three sides. The house has not been greatly altered from the early 20th century, but water penetration from failing roofs, encroaching tree and shrub growth, and vegetation clogged guttering has negatively affected the stability of the building. A one story gable roofed one car wood frame garage from the early-mid 20th century is located approximately 10' north of the house. The property is identified and discussed in the MIHP #HA-2036, Susquehanna State Park, as "628 Stafford Road" rather than Neff House.

Comprehensive Description:

This small frame house, begun c. 1880-1900, faces east immediately abutting one lane Stafford Road, which is adjacent to the granite walls of the Susquehanna & Tidewater Canal, railroad tracks and the Susquehanna River. The three bay by one bay frame house with gable roof sits on a fieldstone foundation with dirt floored crawl space about 4' in height. A deteriorating brick and stone entry on the northeast corner descends to the crawl space. A two bay by two bay one story shed roofed addition and shed roofed one story porch addition extend to the west or rear of the front section of the house. No crawl space was evident beneath the rear sections. A corbelled brick chimney is located in the center of the gable roof and a collapsed chimney is located on the rear façade. The land slopes from the hillside on the west towards the river, on the east side. Numerous trees overhang the house on the west side, including several oak trees 16" circumference, 60' height. While walls are of simple wood siding covered by asphalt shingle, the roof of the house is standing seam metal covered by asphalt shingle. Front and rear gutters are growing plants that are 3' in height, downspouts do not exist, and the rear roofs are green with moss and vine growth. A cliff of approximately 40'-50' in height rises sharply within 10' of the rear wall.

On the front (east) façade, there are three bays with the main entrance in the center bay. The wood door has one glass pane in the upper half and 3 horizontal panels in the lower half. It is covered by a jalousie metal and glass storm door. The windows are 9/6 paned double hung sash on the first floor and 6/3 paned double hung sash on the second floor. Storm windows do not exist at any window. The one story front porch is supported by ornately carved brackets and carved posts. There is decorative wooden "houndstoothing" on the north and south sides of the porch roof and a simple wooden railing and balustrade across the front. Inside the porch there is a concrete floor and ceiling of tongue and groove wood.

On the south gable end façade, vegetation abutting the house made photography all but impossible. There are two 6/6 paned double hung sash windows at first floor level and another at second floor level.

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On the rear (west) façade are located two 6/6 paned double hung sash windows in the kitchen addition. Additionally, there is a concrete floored rear shed roofed porch located in the L between the kitchen and rear bath/ entry addition. A 4-panel wood door (without storm door) is located on the rear façade in the left bay. Overhanging and fallen vegetation and rock outcroppings made photography of the rear façade difficult except from certain locations. Moisture, rot, and vine growth is overtaking the rear façade.

There is a heating oil tank and exterior entrance to foundation crawl space abutting the north gable end façade. There is one 6/6 paned double hung sash window at first floor level and one at second floor level on this façade. A 6 paned stationary sash window is located in the rear bath addition on the north facade.

Entering the house from the main entrance, one is standing in the parlor. Original woodwork is simple and flat. All baseboard, 4 panel wood doors and door frames in this room are covered with varnish or stain and a primitive combing decorative painting pattern. A Coleman stove is located on the north wall of the parlor. The adjacent dining room has woodwork that has the same combing pattern, which has been covered with white paint. Both rooms have plaster walls and ceilings, and wood floors. Both front rooms are lower in grade than the rear rooms. A door and two steps on the west wall in each room lead to the rear (west) sections.

A staircase, with vertically wainscoted walls leads to the second floor from the narrow hall west of the parlor. A closet is located beneath the stair and accessed from the parlor. West of the stairhall is the kitchen, which has walls partially covered by flimsy lightweight paneling and metal grid ceiling with drop in panels. There are flimsy mid 20th century cabinets and an early 20th century free standing porcelain sink and drainboard on the rear wall. There is linoleum sheet flooring. The rear (west) wall of the kitchen is buckling in the area around the chimney flue. The rear brick chimney flue is collapsing into the room, as are parts of the wall and ceiling.

A door leads from the kitchen north to the rear entry hall and bath. Ceilings are approximately 7' in height in the rear sections of the house and water damage evident at ceiling level. The rear (west) exterior door of 4 vertical panels opens onto the rear porch.

The winding staircase terminates at second floor level in a narrow space that accesses bedrooms. A triangularly shaped closet, a mid 20th century modification, located in the narrow hall, has no door. There are two bedrooms on the second floor accessed via the narrow hall. A bedroom is located over the parlor and one over the dining room. Each room has an early 20th century paisley patterned sheet flooring over narrow wood flooring. A closet is located on the rear (west) wall in each bedroom. There are simple vertically joined wood doors of the early 20th century located in each room. Original metal door hardware exists. The bedroom ceilings follow the roofline and slope from the roof peak towards front (east) wall and towards rear closets.

The condition of the house is poor and deteriorated in the rear sections and fair in the front gable roofed section. This is directly related to the lack of drainage, vegetation growth around three sides of the building, and interior water infiltration. The site's slope from west to east also encourages water from the hillside to enter the rear wall and foundation.

There is one outbuilding associated with the Neff house. This is a gable roofed, one car garage of the early- mid 20th century, located approximately 10' north of the house. On the exterior walls are vertical wood siding covered with asphalt sheets. The asphalt sheets are torn, sagging and loose. On the roof are asphalt shingles. There is a concrete foundation beneath the walls and interior flooring is unimproved/ dirt. The interior walls and ceiling are unfinished. A vertically joined wood pedestrian door is located on the south wall and double swinging wood doors are located on the north wall for car

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access. External metal hinges exist on the corners of the building. A small 6 paned fixed window sash is located on the east wall, which is covered with asphalt sheets.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates c. 1880-1900

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Summary:

The Neff House property, while in a deteriorated and abandoned condition, is representative of a time in which there was a rebirth of Lapidum as part of the canal related boom of the mid- late 19th century. Its usage since c. 1900 has been residential, part time vacation home and rental.

Narrative:

The Neff property is part of a one acre parcel, which historically was located on both sides of the "public road leading from Rock Run to Lapidum" and was associated with the Rinehart family. Edwin J. Rinehart, deceased by 1860, was "in his lifetime, a copartner of Benjamin F. Heath trading at Lapidum, County of Harford....." Heath and Rinehart had purchased the parcel from Isaac Cole in 1857. (Deed, Liber ALJ 9, Folio 13) All interest in the property was conveyed by Heath to Rinehart's widow and heirs in 1860. (Deed, Liber WG 12, Folio 105) By 1890, Rinehart's widow had remarried, and all heirs conveyed their interest to one son, E. John Rinehart. (Deed, Liber ALJ 67, Folio 409) The property was conveyed in 1900 from E. John Rinehart to Amelia Spencer, wife of Philip Spencer, who had died by 1928. (Deed, Liber WSF 100, Folio 368) A structure associated with Heath or with Heath/ Rinehart trading business may have been located on the property, but most likely Rinehart's son, (the only one of the heirs who was described as unmarried) was responsible for the existing building. It is possible that Amelia Spencer constructed the rear section and made other improvements between 1900 and 1928. Amelia Spencer's heirs and husband, Philip M. Spencer, conveyed the .435 acre parcel to Joseph C. Hunter in 1932. (Deed, Liber SWC 223, Folio 495) It was most likely Hunter, a single man, who built the garage and installed the indoor plumbing, making improvement to the kitchen and bath rear shed roofed wings. Hunter conveyed the property in 1964 to Robert Neff and his wife, Nellie, of York, PA and Ron Chronister, and his wife, Nancy, of East Berlin, PA. (Deed, Liber GRG, Folio 102) Neff and Chronister were the first owners of this property to be from another county and state and, most likely to have used this as a vacation or investment property. The Neffs and Chronisters conveyed the property in 1986 to the State of MD to the use of the Department of Natural Resources. (Deed, Liber CGH Liber 1318, Folio 105) The size of the property remained the same from 1928 until its conveyance to the State in 1986. The State of MD rented the house until about 2001, after which time it was vacant.

The Susquehanna River is known as a rocky and shallow river, but the deep water at Lapidum made it an attractive port in the 18th century. As John Smith noted in 1608, "it is the first level space, upon the (Susquehanna) river shore, suitable for a landing." (Christopher Weeks, 1992 MIHP form for Lower Deer Creek Valley Historic District, #8, p.77) The village, warehouses and wharves thrived during the eighteenth century. The nearby industrial complexes at Rock Run and Stafford, associated with the Deer Creek Valley, eventually surpassed the earlier shipping and industrial center of Lapidum, (meaning "place of stones") under the leadership of the Stump family. (Historical Sketches of Harford County by Samuel Mason Jr., p. 19) Sea going schooners arrived, which traded with the West Indies, there were built several types of mills and warehouses, and trade flourished with the nearby urban centers of Baltimore and Philadelphia. All three centers began to decline in the early 19th century as key figures of commerce died.

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The opening in 1839 of the Susquehanna & Tidewater Canal proved beneficial to the area. While it may have been obsolete when it was built, it tended to serve existing industry rather than causing growth of new establishments. Barges in the canal would pick up grain from the mills at Rock Run and Stafford (Rock Run Mill was producing 2000 bbl of flour worth \$12000.00 annually in 1850), iron from the Stafford forge and furnace, fish from Lapidum and flint from the Stafford Flint Mill. (Christopher Weeks, 1992 MIHP form for Lower Deer Creek Valley Historic District, #8, p. 148) The Civil War and railroad construction may have also spurred industry and aided the economy of this area. During the 1850's and 1860's, there was a brief boom at Lapidum, as a new wharf, church and a Masonic Hall were built. Additionally, the Spencer-Pugh House, MIHP #HA-381, was built c. 1857 adjacent to the Neff House, as a store, to tap canal-based activity. (This property is currently privately owned and under renovation.) It was during this rebirth of Lapidum that Heath and Rinehart were operating their trading business at Lapidum. "BF Heath" is shown on S.W. Herricks' 1858 map of Harford County in the vicinity of the Neff House. Heath may have established a store/ residence on the site prior to taking Rinehart as partner. See photocopy of map attached herein. While locks are located at nearby Stafford and Rock Run, the Lapidum lock is immediately east of the Neff house and its granite lined lock exists restored today. The railroad's construction had eclipsed the canal business by the late 19th century and the Harford County section of the Susquehanna & Tidewater Canal closed in 1900. In 1872, the Reading Railroad leased the Susquehanna & Tidewater Canal. "The closure of the canal marked the closing an era of successful business and commerce for both communities (Lapidum and Stafford)." (Goodwin & Assoc., 2002, MIHP form for Susquehanna State Park, #8, p. 8) Steamboats, which had stopped at Lapidum since about 1840, and traveled to Port Deposit and Havre de Grace, existed until about 1905. (Historical Sketches of Harford Co. by Mason, p. 90) Certainly by the time of Amelia Spencer (1900) and Joseph Hunter's (1932) ownership of the Neff House, the area was experiencing economic decline and collapse.

A railroad spur was created in the early 20th century along the Susquehanna & Tidewater Canal towpath to carry construction equipment and materials to the Conowingo Dam and Hydroelectric plant site, completed in 1928. The dam curtailed flooding, which had historically caused great damage to the flood plain and the canal walls of the Susquehanna & Tidewater Canal, and produced electric power, but reduced the ice cutting/ ice storage business and shad runs along the Susquehanna River. During the early 20th century, vegetable canning, flint mining and milling, and paper manufacture were local industries that had developed. (Goodwin & Assoc., 2002 MIHP form for Susquehanna State Park, #8, p. 9)

The Neff House became part of the Susquehanna State Park in 1986. Property for the park was purchased 1960-1987 and currently encompasses approximately 2,646 acres. There are walking/ hiking trails, historic walking tour of the Rock Run complex, approximately 35 historic and 45 prehistoric archaeological sites, an historic African American community called Hawkinstown at Lapidum, boating, camping and fishing opportunities within the park property.

Architecturally, the Neff House represents a small, simple house, which today is largely intact, representative of the late 19th century and early 20th century in its construction detail. Its condition is deteriorated, accelerated by water infiltration and vacancy since 2001. Historically, the Neff House, while not associated with a person of local significance, was built at the end of a thriving rebirth of Lapidum and during the related Susquehanna & Tidewater canal activity. As it states in the 2002 MIHP form for Susquehanna State Park, the house appears to contribute to Lapidum and thus be part of that contributing site in the Lower Deer Creek Historic District. However, the site is not unique or outstanding architecturally or historically and the structure is in a fair/ deteriorated state.

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Files of the Rocks/ Susquehanna SP offices:

Cummings, Susan R. "Hawkeinstown, A Black Community at Lapidum," unpublished report, 1979.

McNamara, Joseph M. "The Archaeological Resources of the Susquehanna State Park," unpublished report, 1977.

"Rock Run Grist Mill Historic Walking Tour," unpublished booklet, undated.

Website-<MDLandRec.Net>

"Deed," between Isaac Cole and Benjamin F. Heath and Edwin J. Rinehart, 1857, Liber ALJ, 9, Folio 13.

"Deed," between Benjamin F. Heath and wife, and heirs/ widow of Edwin J. Rinehart, 1860, Liber WG 12, Folio 105.

"Deed," between Elizabeth Rinehart Pugh (Rinehart's widow had remarried), and all heirs conveyed their interest to one son, E. John Rinehart, 1890, Liber ALJ 67, Folio 409.

"Deed," between E. John Rinehart and Amelia Spencer, wife of Philip Spencer, 1900, Liber WSF 100, Folio 368.

"Deed," between representatives of Amelia Spencer, and Philip M. Spencer, 1928, Liber DGW 208, Folio 378.

"Deed," between Philip M. Spencer and Joseph C. Hunter, 1932, Liber SWC 223, Folio 495.

"Deed," between Joseph C. Hunter and Robert Neff and his wife, Nellie, of York, PA and Ron Chronister, and his wife, Nancy, of East Berlin, PA, 1964, Liber GRG, Folio 102.

"Deed," between Robert Neff and his wife, Nellie, of York, PA and Ron Chronister, and his wife, Nancy, of East Berlin, PA and the State of MD to the use of the Department of Natural Resources, 1986, Liber CGH1318, Folio 105.

MIHP forms for the following:

Lower Deer Creek Valley Historic District by Christopher Weeks, HA-1551, 1992.

Susquehanna State Park by Goodwin & Associates, HA-2036/ CE-1528, 2002.

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to:

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Primary Sources include:

Neuendorff, Jonathan, Park Manager, Rocks/ Susquehanna State Park, telephone and email correspondence, 9-11/08)

Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, MD:

Herricks, S.W. Map of Harford County, MD, 1858.

Anne Arundel County Libraries:

Mason, Jr., Samuel. Historical Sketches of Harford County, Darlington: privately printed, 1955.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>less than .5 acres</u>
Acreage of historical setting	<u>less than .5 acres</u>
Quadrangle name	<u>Aberdeen, MD</u>

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The west border is the rocky hillside abutting the rear of the house. The northern part of the entry drive and garage is the north boundary. The Stafford Road is the east boundary and the adjacent house is the south boundary for the Neff House. The property is within the Susquehanna State Park.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Severna Park

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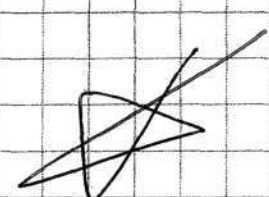
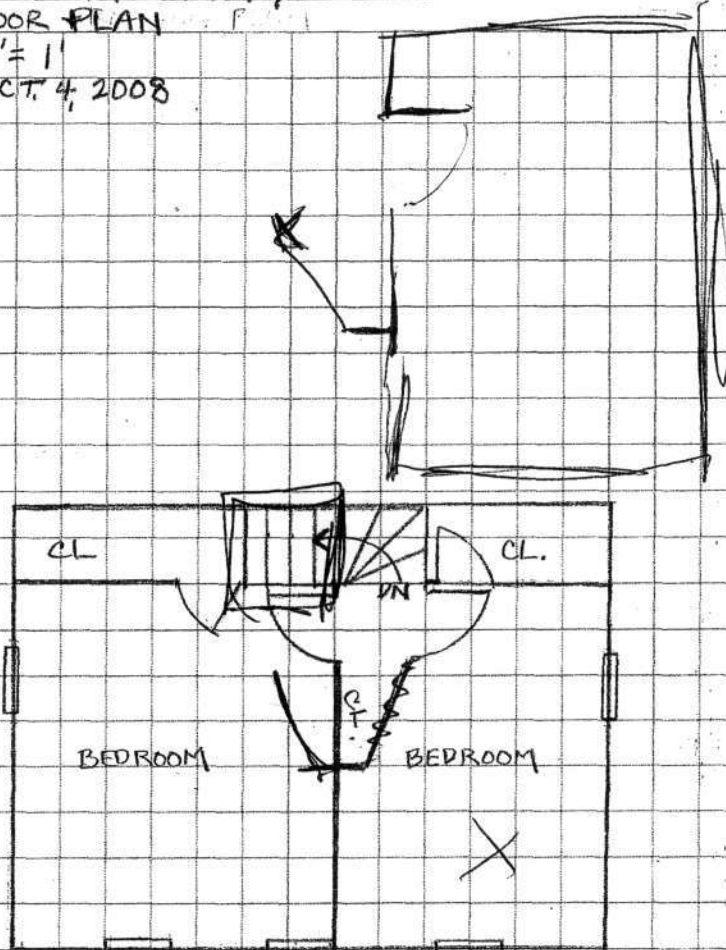
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RE: NEFF HOUSE, 628 STAFFORD RD.
SUSQUEHANNA STATE PARK, HARFORD CO.

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'

DRAWING: OCT. 4, 2008



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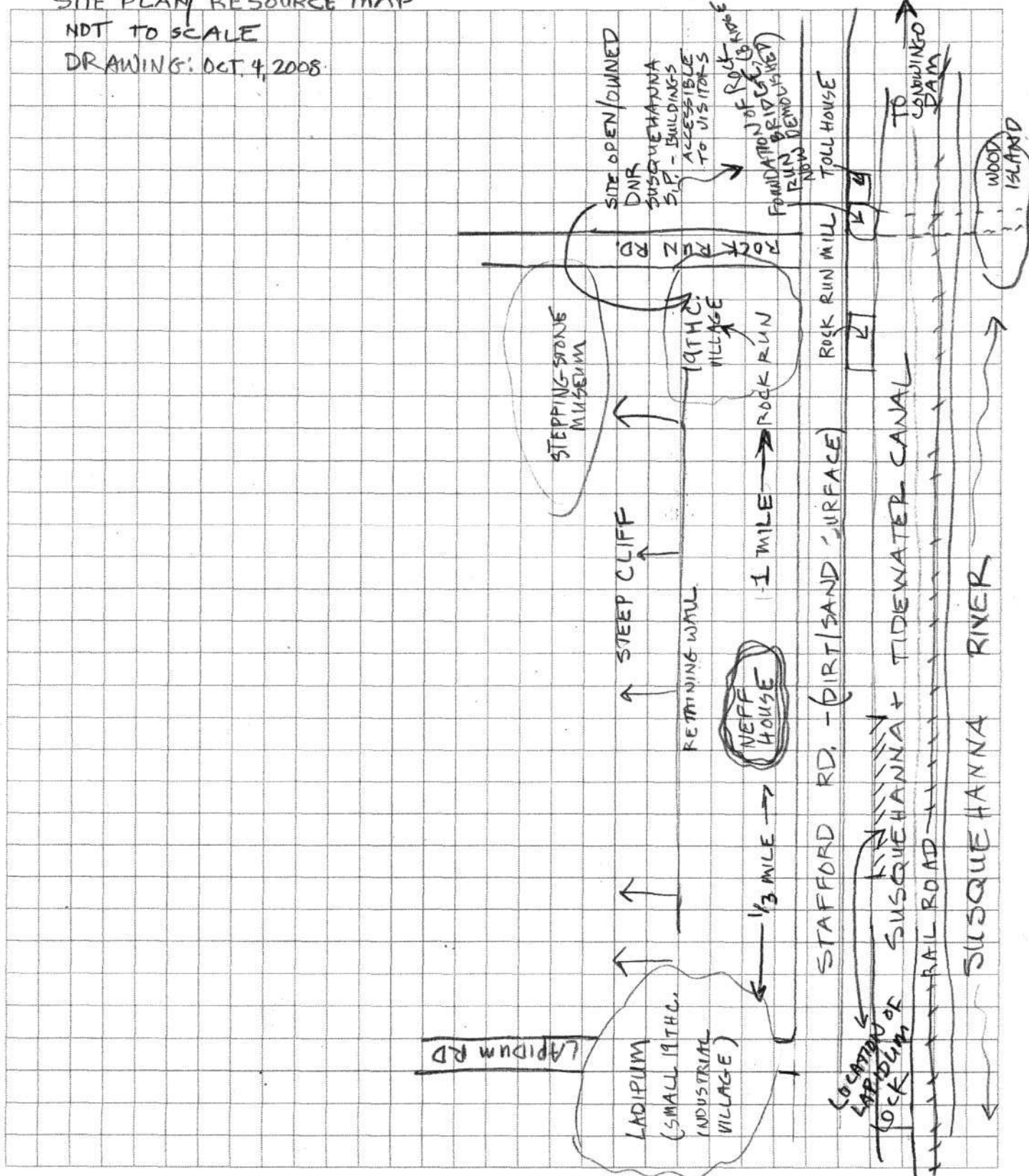
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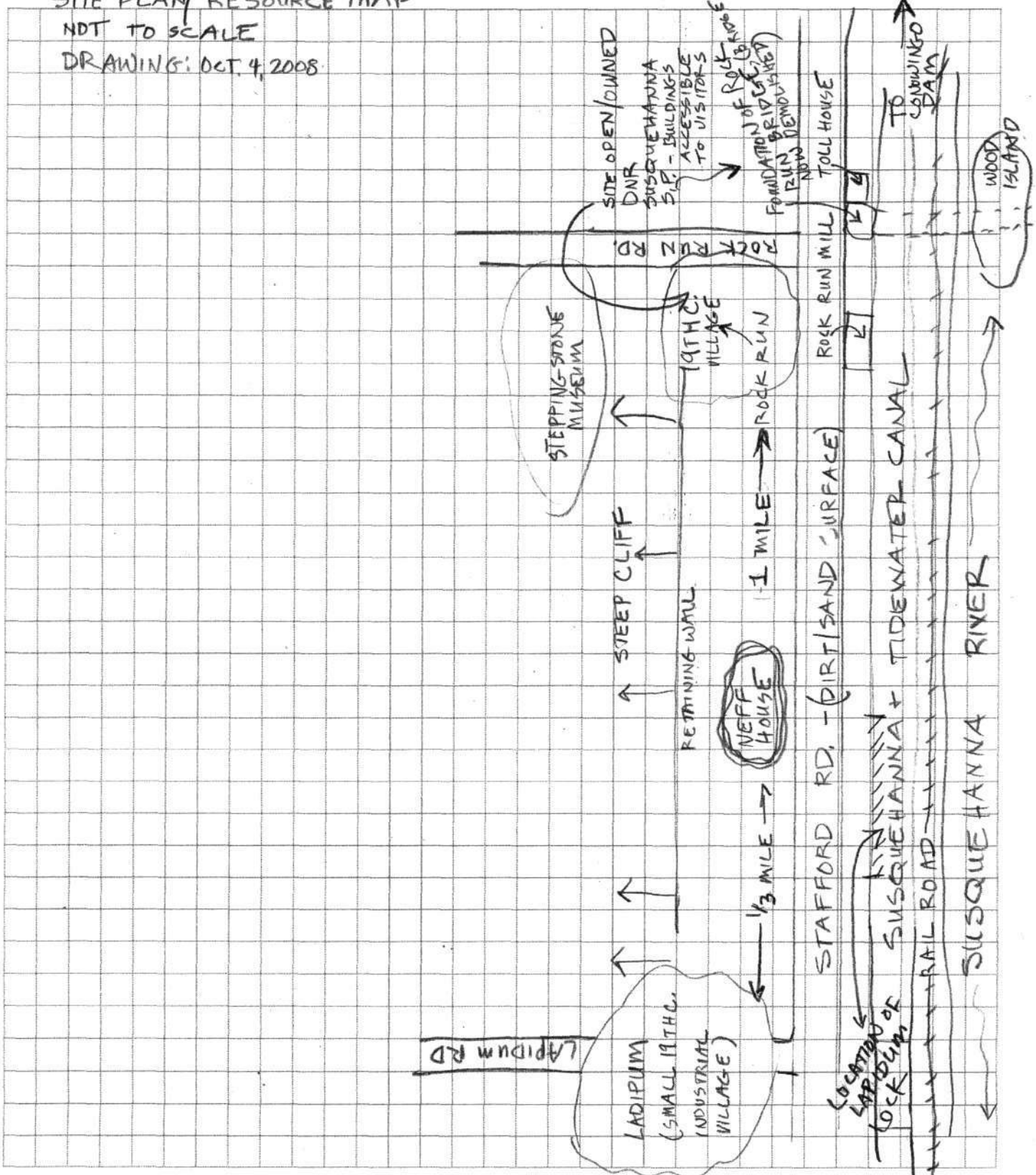
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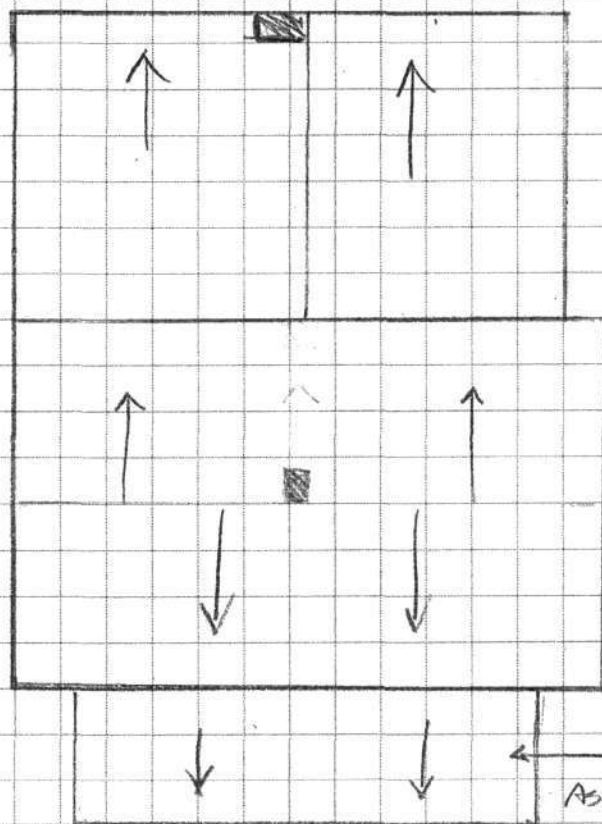
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ROOFING PLAN

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ASPHALT SHINGLE OVER
STANDING SEAM METAL ROOF

← ROOF FAILURE THIS AREA

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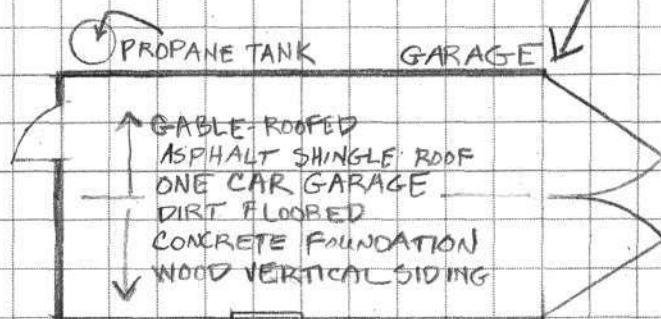
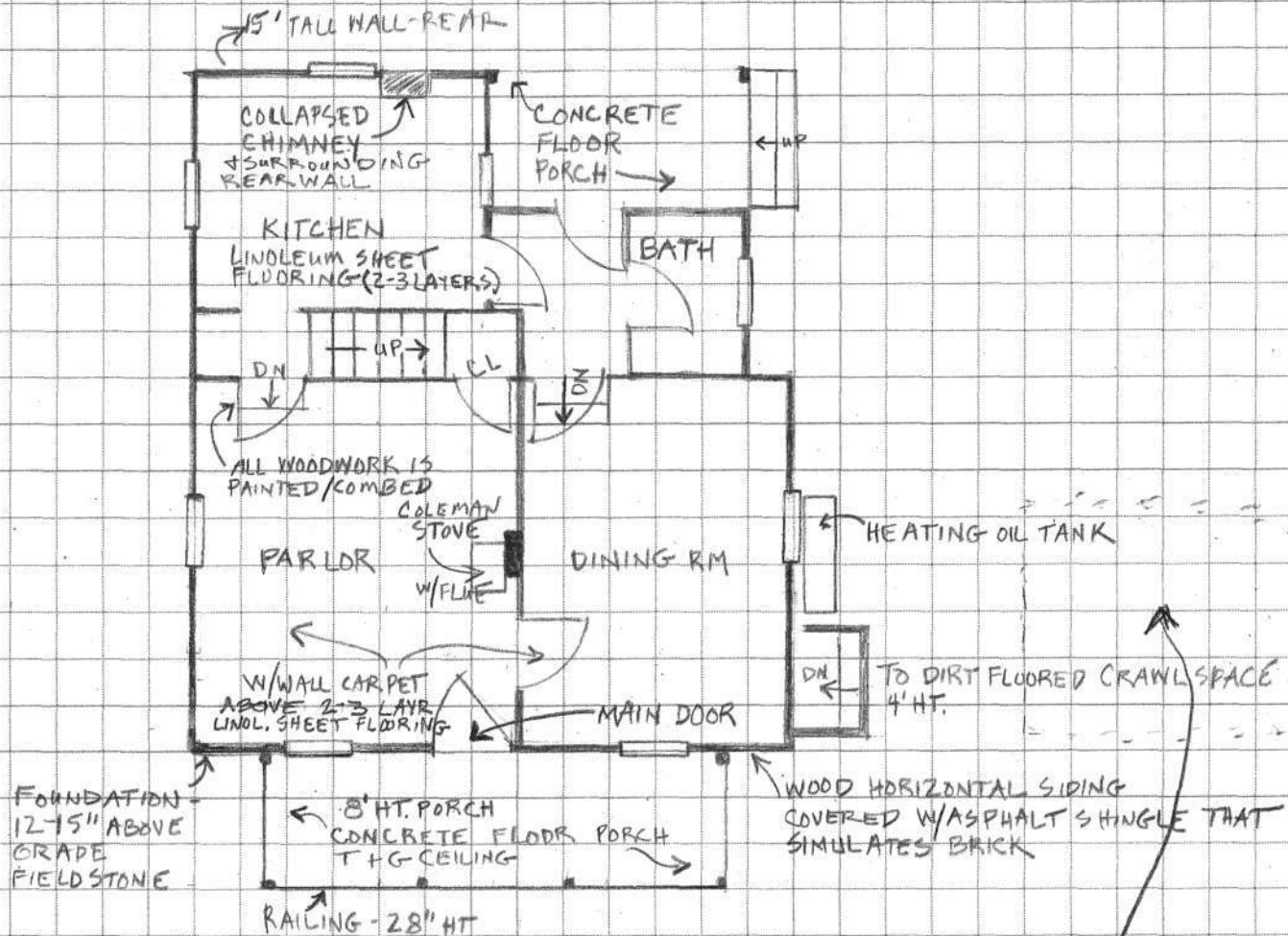
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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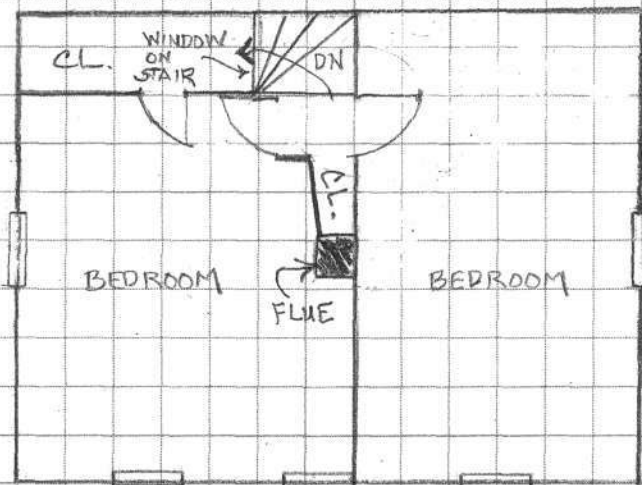
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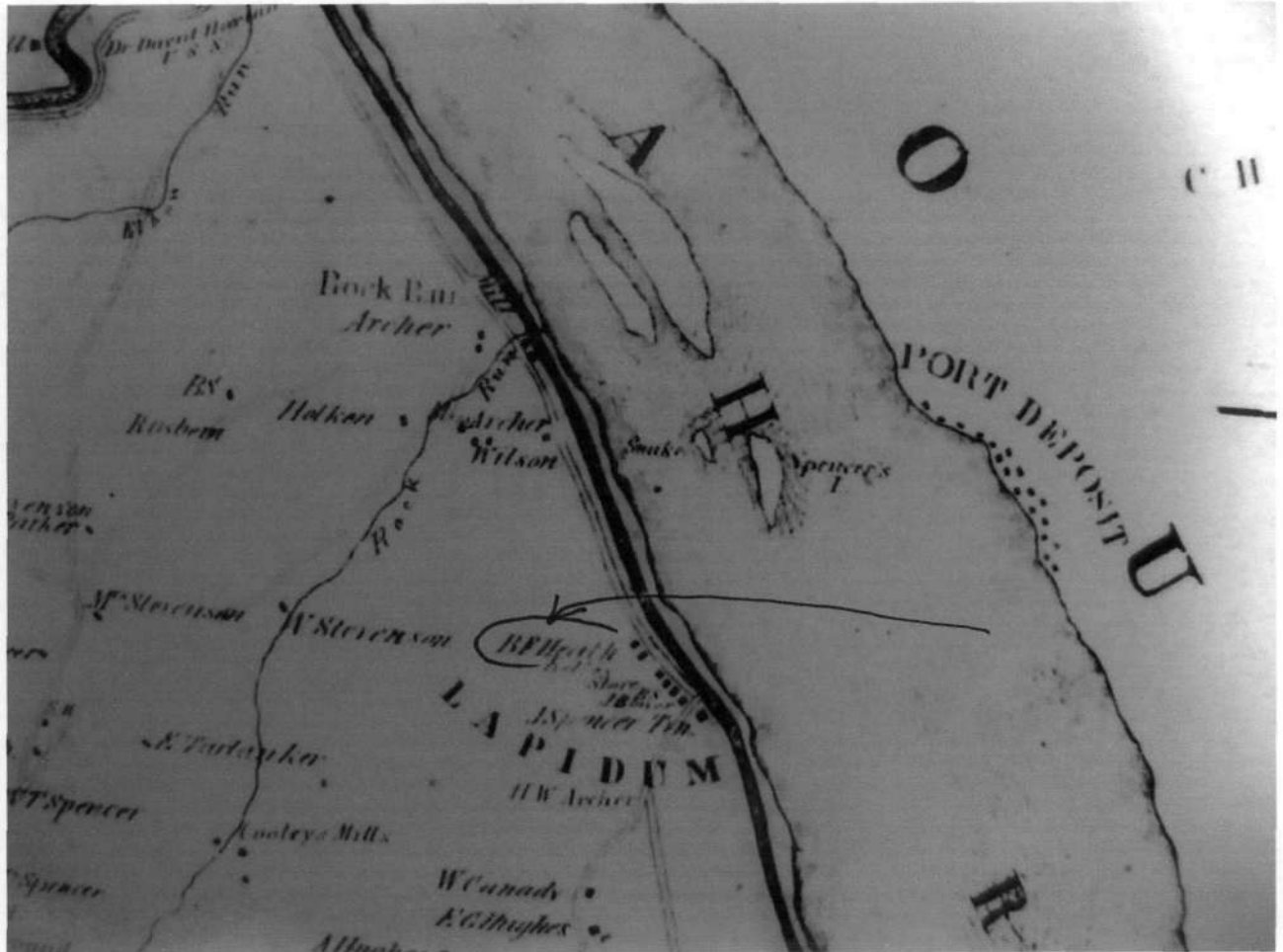
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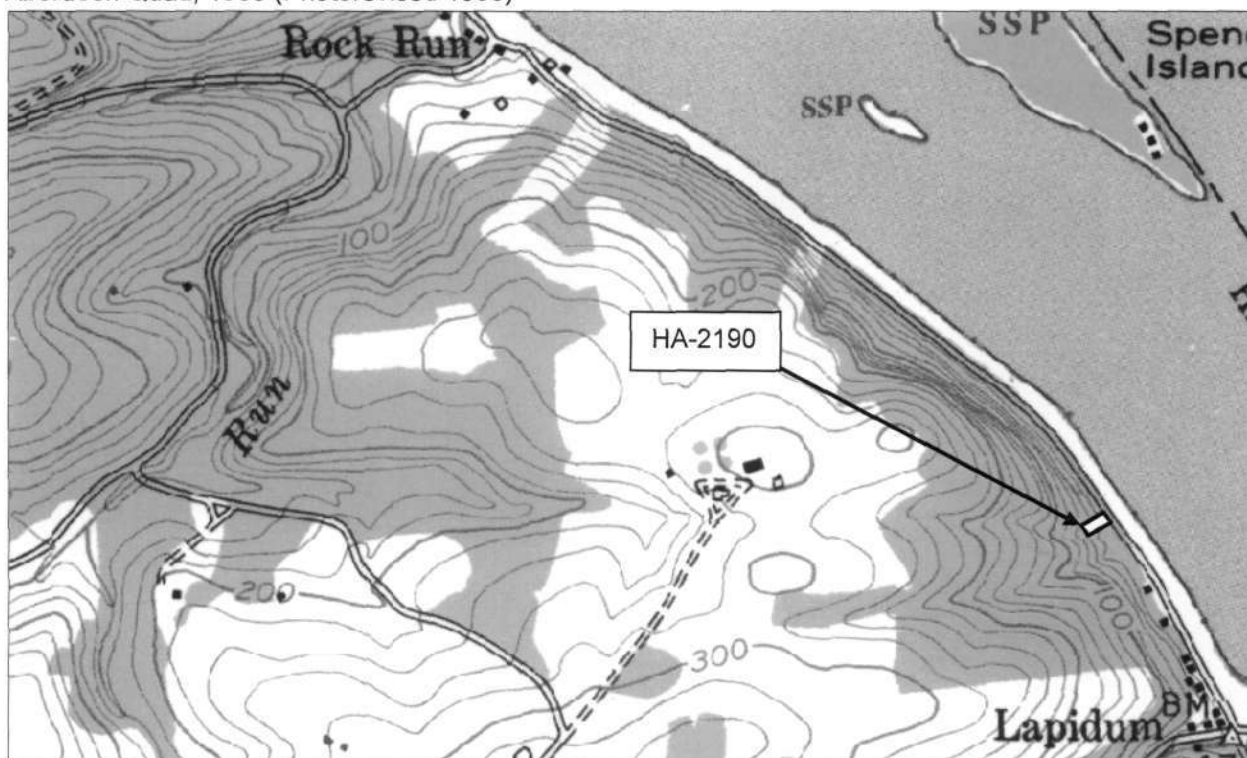


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1858 MAP OF HARFORD COUNTY, MD BY S. W. HERRICK,
SHOWING "B F HEATH" IN THE APPROXIMATE VICINITY OF THE NEFF HOUSE,
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Neff House
628 Stafford Road, Havre de Grace, 21078
Aberdeen Quad, 1953 (Photorevised 1985)

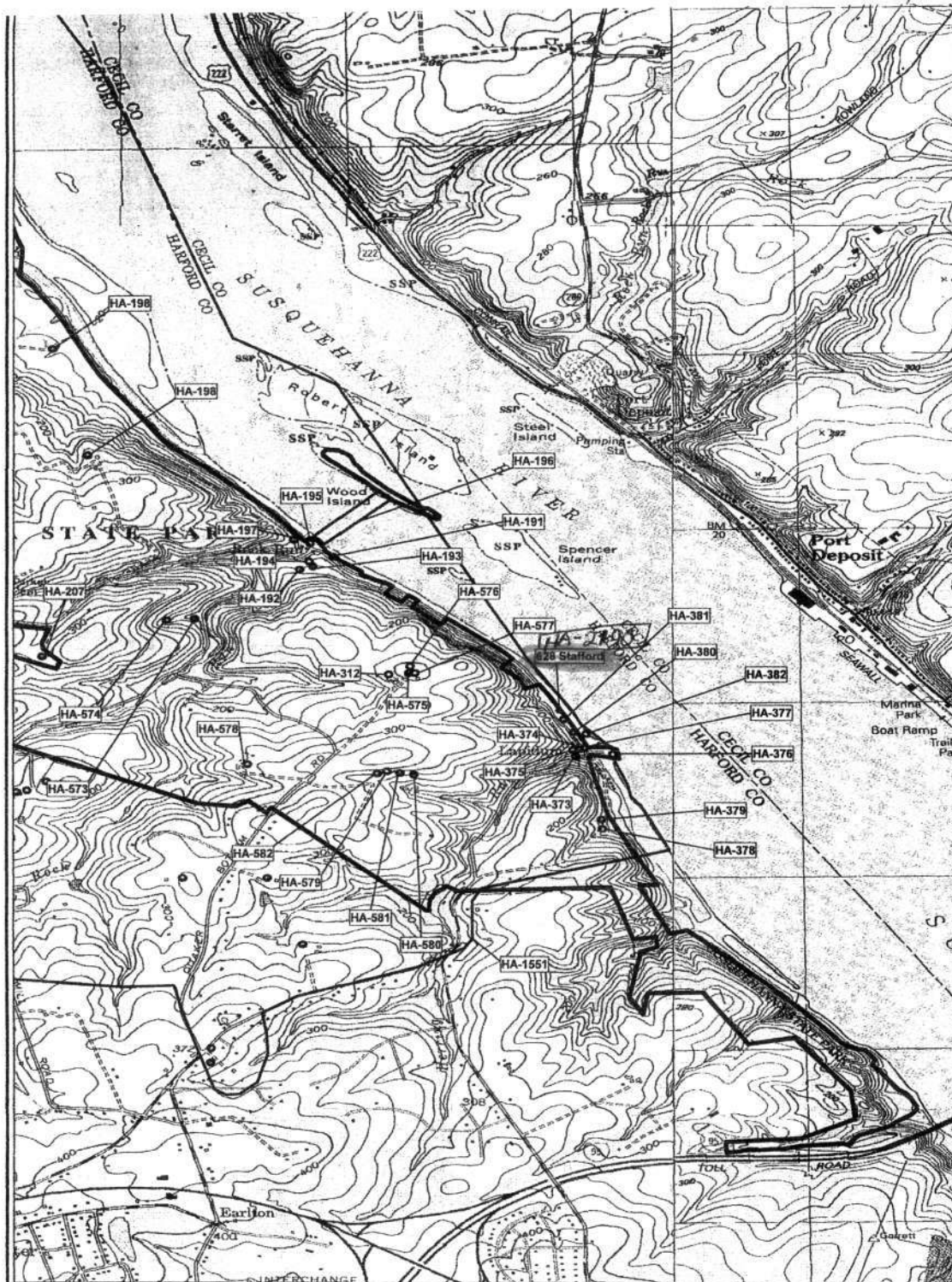


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Bing Maps Bird's Eye View image, c. 2010



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KEY:
 [Symbol] Built Resources
 [Symbol] Boundary of State Owned Land in Susquehanna State Park

Aberdeen Quad.

0 1000 2000 4000 Feet
 Disclaimer: This is for general location only.

SOURCE: Aberdeen, MD 1953 (Photorevised 1985),
 Conowingo Dam, MD 1985,
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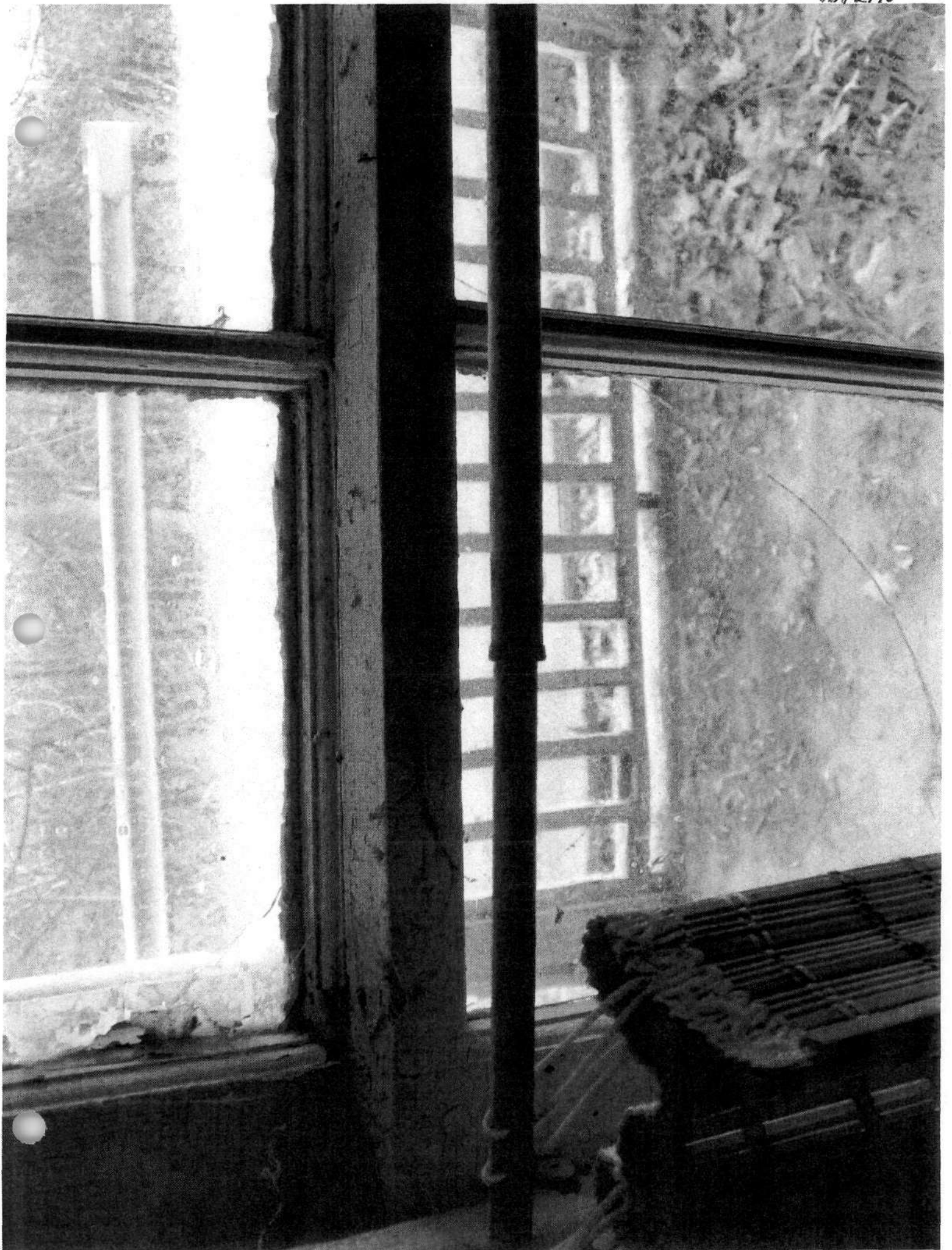
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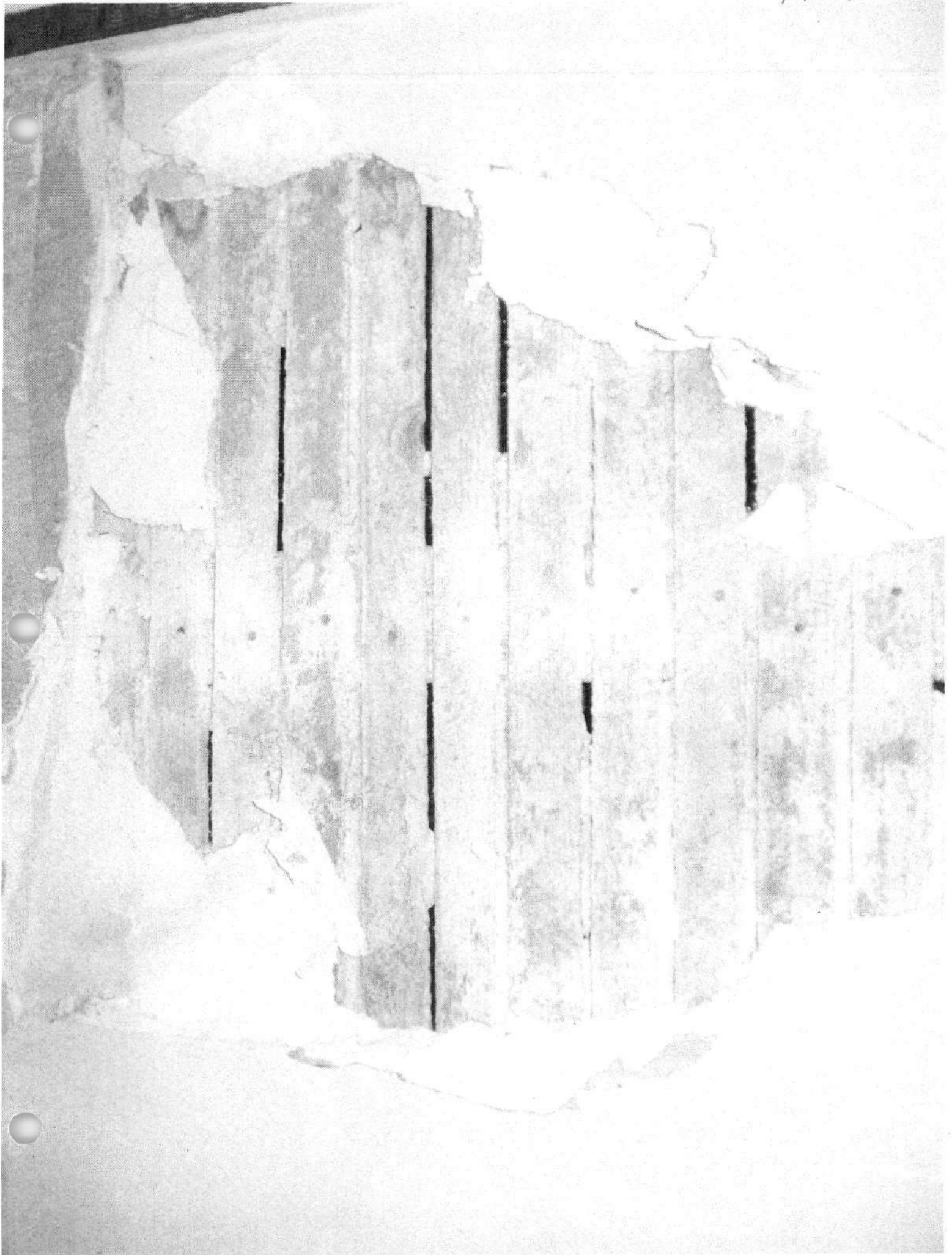


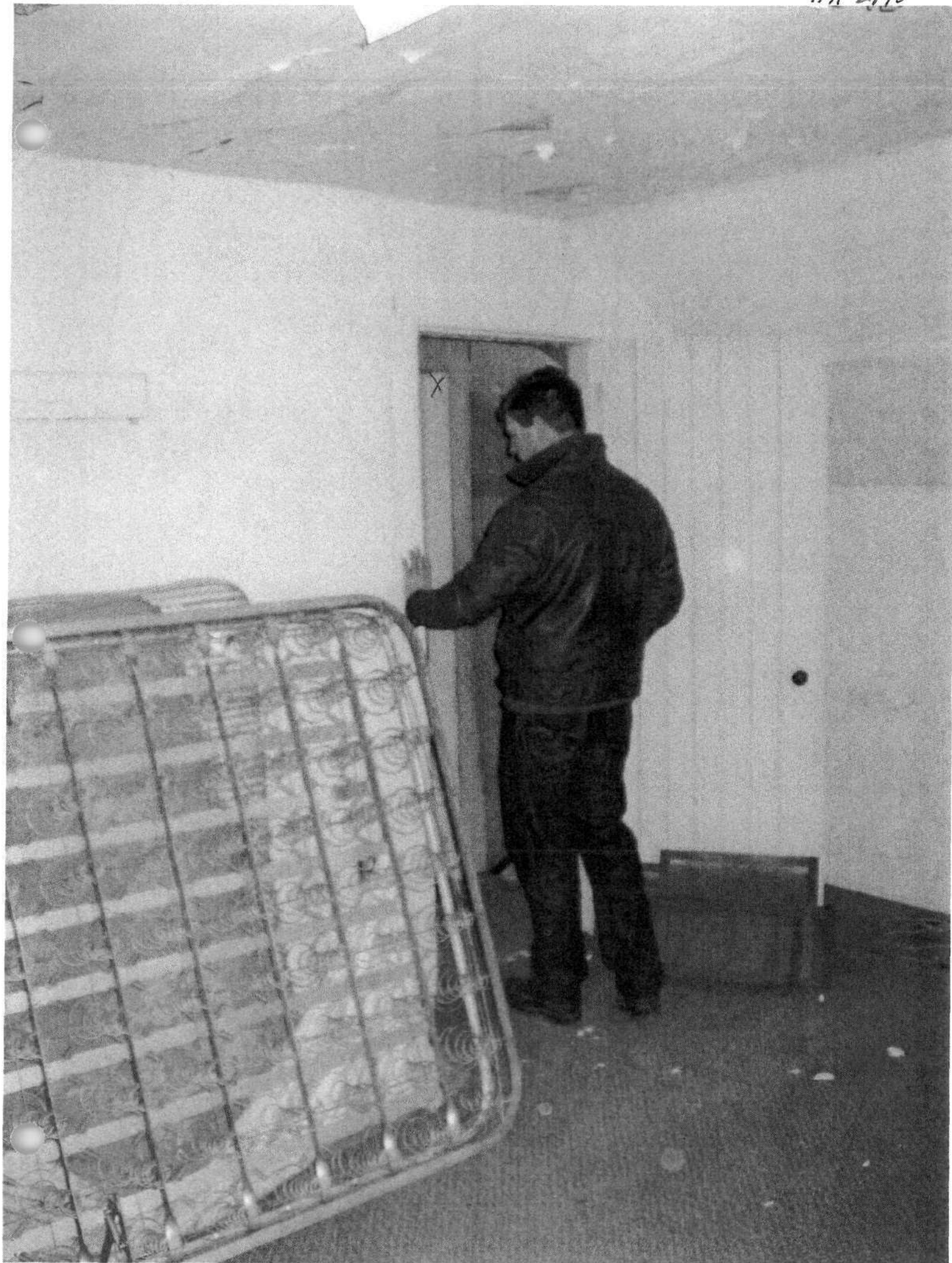


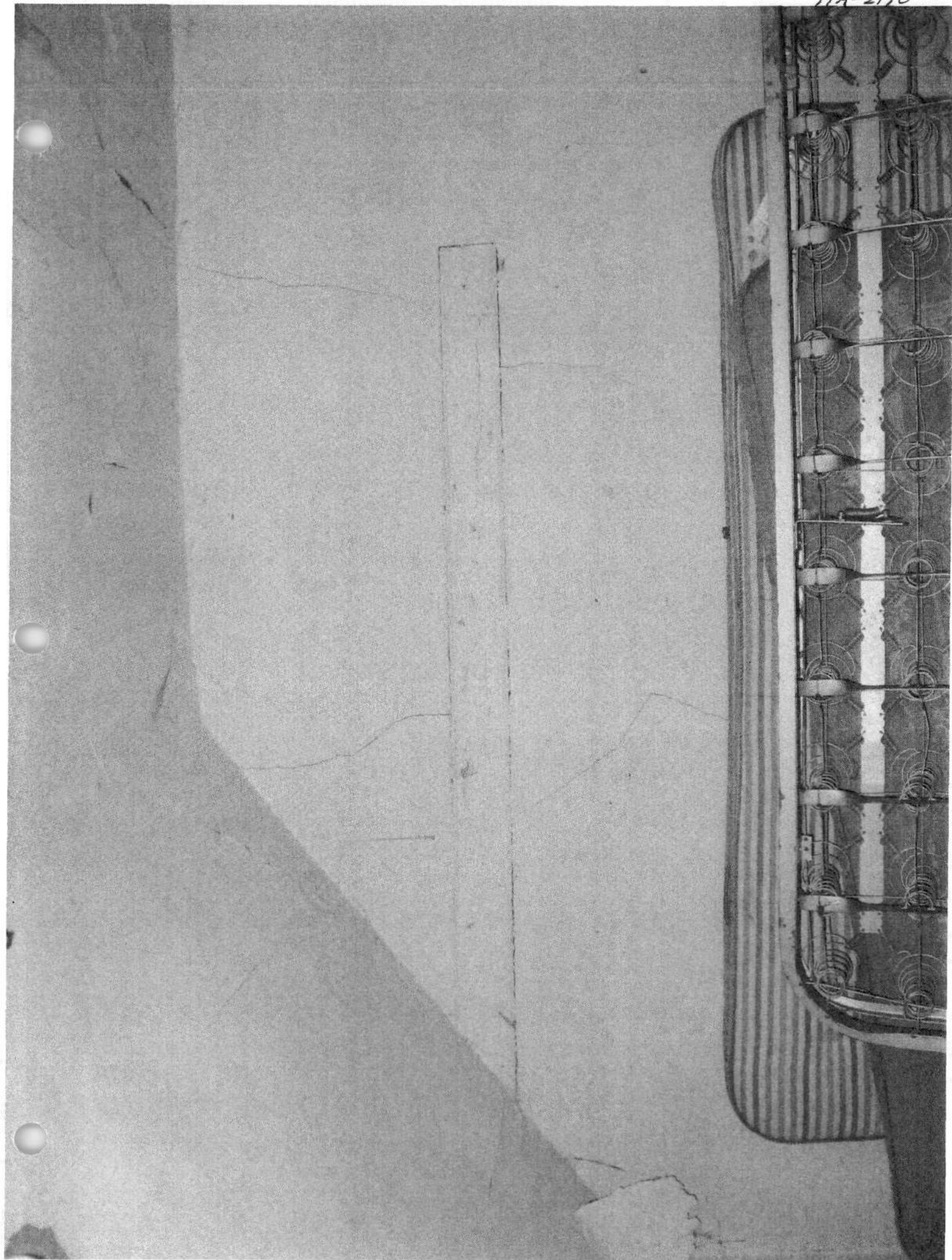
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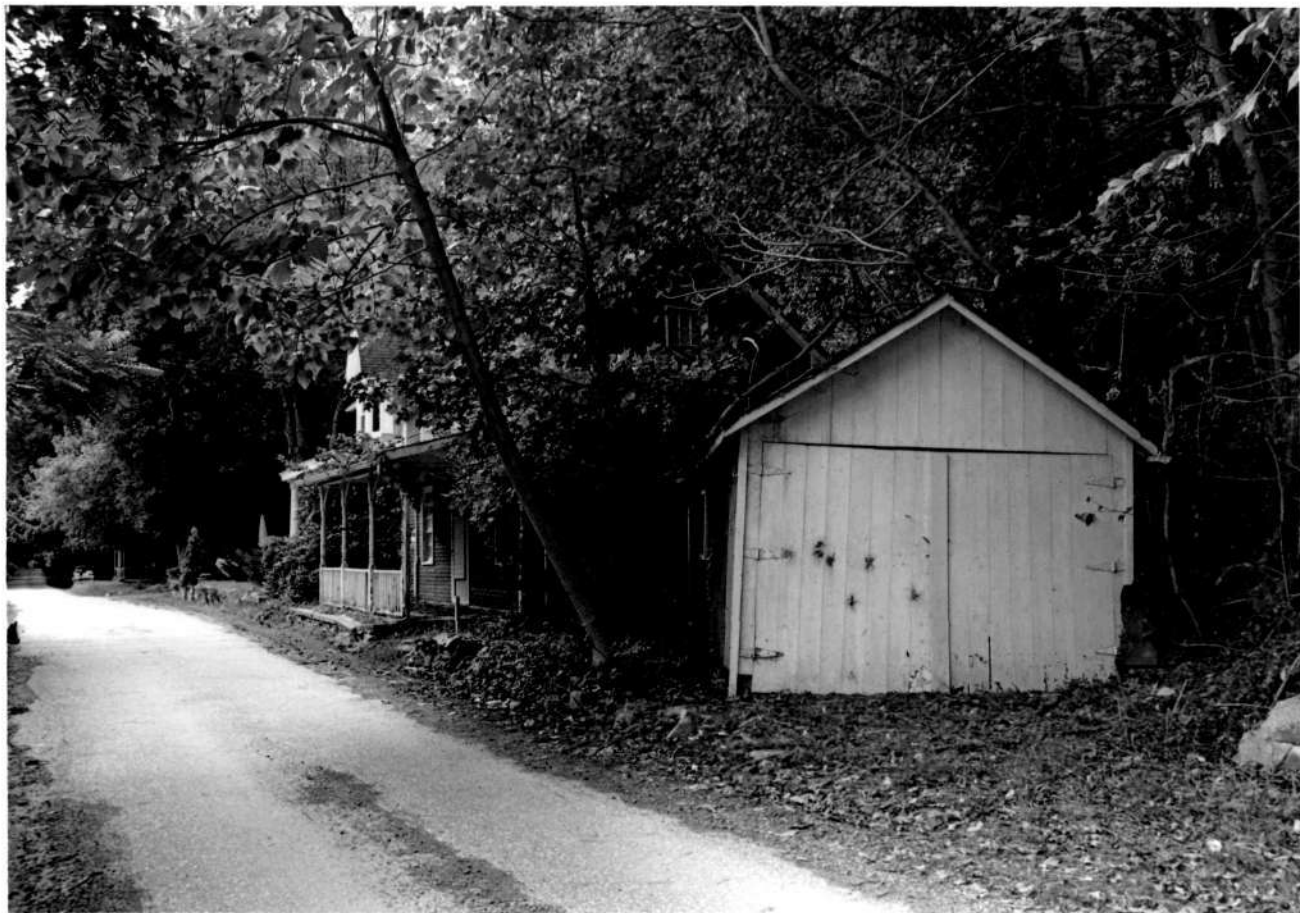


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FRONT (EAST) FACADE

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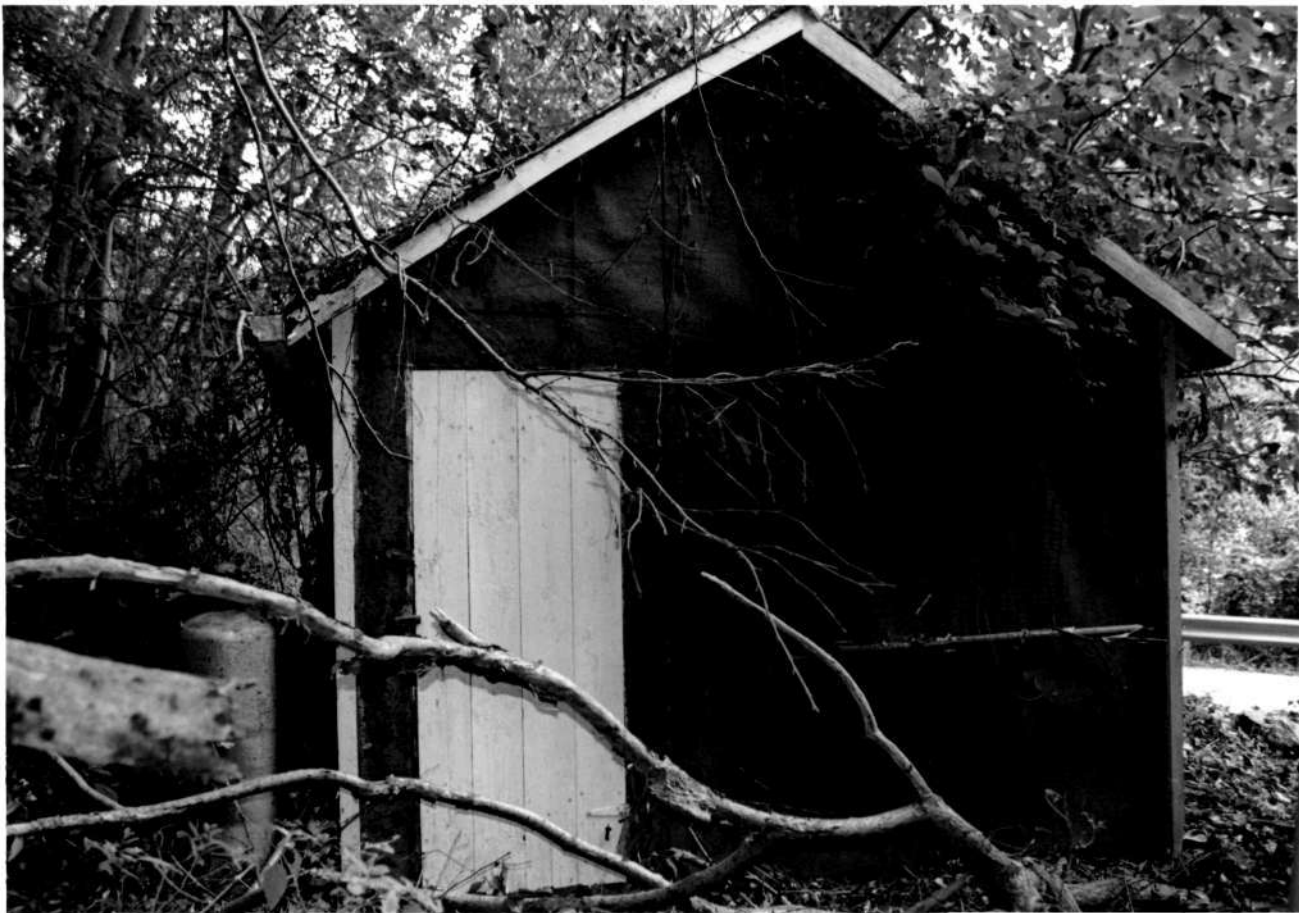
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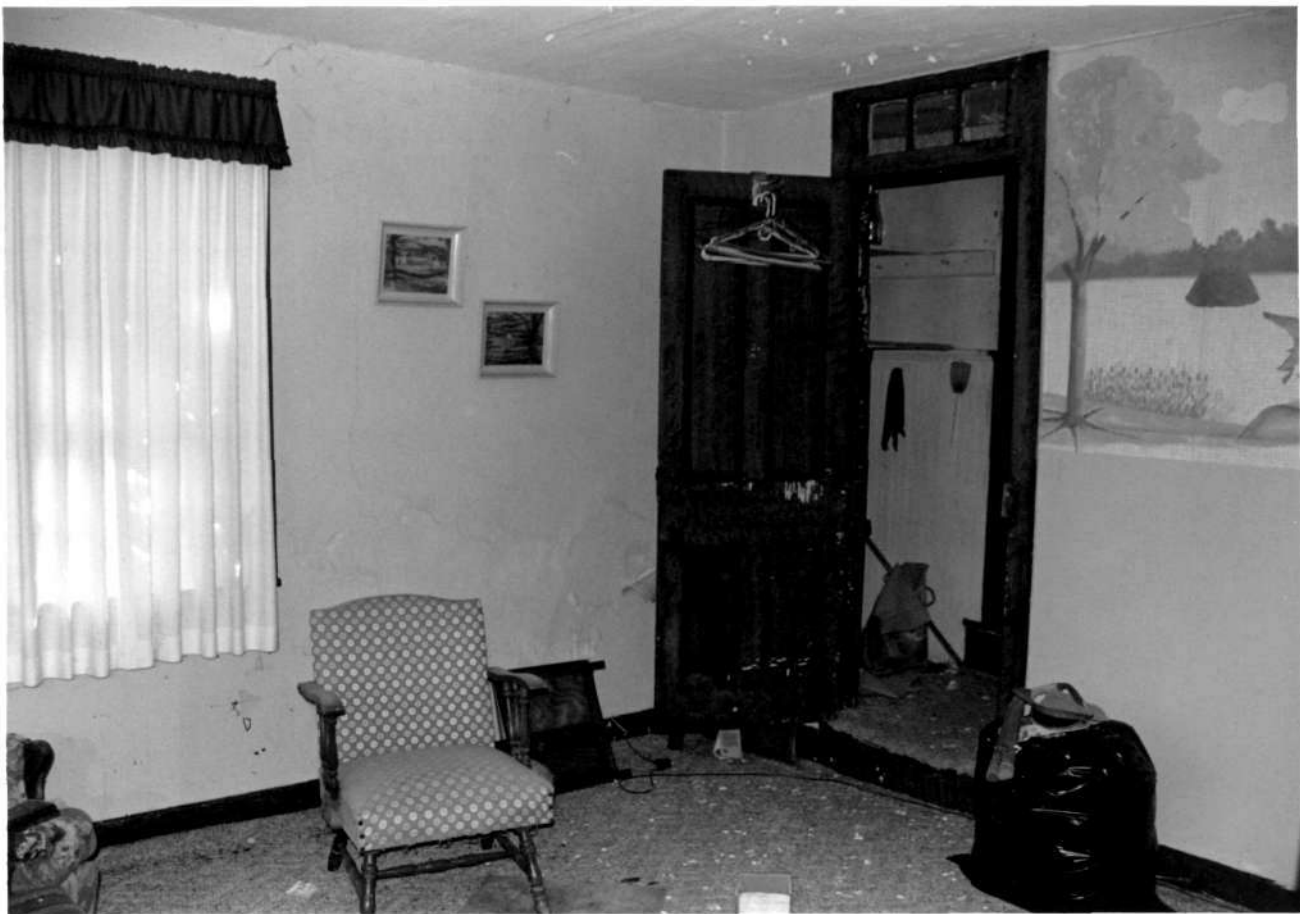
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2ND FL DOOR - SOUTH ROOM (CHAMBER)

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